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Livestock Drought Assistance Program Deadline Approaching

CHEYENNE – The Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) would like to remind producers to submit applications for the Livestock Drought Assistance Program by Friday. All applications must be postmarked on or before December 15.

Through the program, WDA will distribute \$1.6 million to aid beef cattle and sheep producers whose forage was adversely impacted by the 2006 drought. The funding is part of a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) drought assistance package announced in August. USDA asked Wyoming to distribute the livestock assistance grant money.

Livestock producers must complete an application and WOLFS 109 form to enroll. The two-page application requests self-certification of herd numbers and drought-related livestock expenses. Once the application period closes, the number of eligible livestock certified to WDA will be calculated and the \$1.6 million will be prorated on a per-head basis.

Eligible counties include Big Horn, Campbell, Carbon, Crook, Fremont, Hot Springs, Johnson, Laramie, Natrona, Park, Sheridan, Sweetwater, and Washakie. Applications are available online at <http://wyagric.state.wy.us/natres/nagp.htm>

Producers with questions are encouraged to contact the WDA at (307) 777-5124. Due to the high volume of calls, the staff will attempt to return calls within 48 hours.

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